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A NEIGHBORLY SPIRIT.

The project of holding a Market or Trades Day or a general get-together and get-acquainted occasion, which the Commercial Club has under consideration and are planning to inaugurate, is a capital idea. It is just the kind of plan that will be the means of creating a more neighborly spirit among the people of Columbia county.

As has been repeatedly stated in these columns, such occasions have proven a great success in other places, and were instrumental in bringing the people to know each other better, and to know one's neighbor at close range is to find him an entirely different personage than when afar off. It creates a desire to work together for the general good of the community. The feeling of mutual dependency, of general good fellowship, are certain to be the results.

When the people of this county, let them live in whatever section they may, learn they are truly dependent on each other, and that the more they associate together and the better they become acquainted, the longer the stride they will be able to take together in the progress of every line that is of public benefit. Then will such a day be a success and the real good of such an occasion achieved.

But those who have this object in view and imbued with this spirit, cannot do the work alone and the efforts they shall put forth will not assure the success of such an event, without the people of St. Helens and Columbia county do their part. Their whole-heartedness in the matter will really count for much.

It should be said of the people of St. Helens after the first event, when the day is over, when the people have returned to their respective firesides far and near, that they spent one of the best days of the year. That is the way they should feel and with such a feeling, a resolve would be made never to miss another occasion.

The business man of St. Helens should be vitally interested in such a movement. It would be hard to reckon in dollars and cents the good that would come to them from such days.

Everybody should join the movement, get behind it with the determination to win and there would be no need for regrets, and all would be glad they were able to lend their aid in the undertaking.

It might be suggested along with the market or trading feature of the day when the farmers bring their "swapping stock," that the merchants, each and every one, make some inducement to the people to get them into their places of business on that day, to get acquainted with them. Let one merchant offer a given amount of his wares for a stipulated price, and so on with each one, but let no two duplicate a bargain on the same article. These bargains should be advertised in some manner in sufficient time to allow them to get before the people over the county, and it will be an eye-opener the amount of business resulting from such a plan.

Also, a feature that has proven of great success, that of providing different kinds of amusements. Nothing creates a better feeling among our country friends than on such a day, they be entertained in some manner at the expense of the hostess. It is dollars in the business man's till to do so. Many places inaugurate such amusements as an aeroplane flight, a balloon ascension, or a merry-go-round, or prizes for winners of minor sports and events and many other features absolutely without cost to the visitors. A good plan is to change the program from month to month and induce the fruit grower, gardener, farmer and dairyman to bring in their displays of products by offering them prizes.

This plan in brief tends to do away with the same continual program of the usual market day and instills more interest into those who attend to come again.

CAN PRESIDENT DECLARE CARGO?

There is much discussion of the propriety of President Wilson being able to declare a cargo on munitions of war to foreign nations. The fact seems to be set forth in a letter from W. J. Bryan, as Secretary of State, to Senator Stone of Missouri, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, the letter dated January 20, 1915, and reads as follows:

"There is no power in the executive to prevent the sale of ammunition to the belligerents.

"The duty of a neutral to restrict trade in munitions of war has never been imposed by international law or municipal statute.

"It has never been the policy of this government to prevent the shipment of arms and ammunition into belligerent territory except in the case of neighboring American republics, and then only when civil strife prevailed.

"Even to this extent the belligerents in the present conflict when they were neutrals have never, so far as the records disclose, limited the sale of munitions of war.

"It is only necessary to point to the enormous quantities of arms and ammunition furnished by the manufacturers in Germany to the belligerents in the Russo-Japanese war and in the recent Balkan wars to establish the general recognition of the propriety of the trade by a neutral nation.

"It may be added that on December 14 last the German ambassador, by direction of his government, presented a copy of a memorandum of the imperial German government which among other things set forth the attitude of that government toward traffic in contraband of war by neutral countries.

"The imperial government stated that 'under the general principles of international law no exception can be taken to neutral states letting war material go to Germany's enemies from or through neutral territory,' and that the adversaries of Germany in the present war are, in the opinion of the imperial government, authorized to 'draw on the United States contraband of war and especially of arms worth bil-

lions of marks.' These principles, as the ambassador stated, have been accepted by the United States government in the statement issued by the department of state on October 15 last, entitled 'Neutrality and the Trade in Contraband.'

"Acting in conformity with the propositions there set forth, the United States has itself taken no part in contraband traffic, and has, so far as possible, lent its influence toward equal treatment for all belligerents in the matter of purchasing arms and ammunition of private persons in the United States."

AMBITION.

Ambition's shining sun sends to youth a multitude of rays that filter into the soul wondrous dreams. Love-lit eyes of maids but increases the warmth of that sun.

So, in the dreams of youth, great castles are builded on high hills. They are castles of stone, and they are furnished in splendor royal.

They come in the peach-bloom of life, and they are scented with apple blossoms. They are of the days of the valedictorian. They are part of the days of June.

Their fulfillment comes in the vine-clad cottage in the valley. The years of life's battles crumble the walls of the castle on the hill. The echoing years bring an encircling band that clasps happiness, and within the circle the prattle of little children is heard.

But look you upon the castle high, and look you upon the valley cottage. Would you dwell within the castle or would you live within the cottage?

Would you have ambition's dreams come true, or would you linger in the light of love amid sweet laughter?

Ambition—realization—both sweet, one not more than the other—one a dream, the other hard life.—Hubbard.

DEMACOGY DOWNS THE FLAG.

The following item shows how Senator La Follette's demagogic seaman's law is driving American ships under foreign flags:

"The steamer M. S. Dollar of the Doherty Dollar Company, sold to Birkall & Co. of Shanghai, is well known at Tacoma, and has loaded here frequently. The Dollar company has also sold the Mackinaw, another vessel that has plied out of Tacoma to San Francisco a number of years in the coal trade. The reason given by Robert Dollar for the sale of the vessels, is the seaman's law, which goes into effect in November. The captain declared some time ago he would again take his vessel from American registry and place them under the British flag. The sale of this vessel now leaves the Minnesota the only vessel plying in the Oriental trade flying the American flag. The Pacific Mail has announced that they will withdraw their vessels from the service."

USE THE MUD HOOKS.

Mr. Merchant, are you aware that what is right-fully yours is slipping from your grasp, slowly but surely? It is high time to use the mud chains; you are slipping. Somebody else is getting your trade. Meet the existing conditions squarely; they can be overcome, but not without some effort.

Have you all the trade you care for? Are you selling all the goods that you want to? If so, you are fortunate.

It behooves the merchant and business man of St. Helens to look about him, if you please, and study trade conditions more closely. With better highways throughout the country, and with inducements which are daily being brought to bear by other places to get your trade, it must mean a loss to each and every individual in the city unless proper inducements are placed before those whom are in our rightful trade territory to St. Helens and whose business belongs here. Trade extension is a movement that is receiving much consideration, and with good effect, by cities close by, and it is most important that the merchant of St. Helens face the fact that unless a change is brought about, Rainier and Portland will reap a harvest that has been sown for St. Helens.

The Commercial Club has a movement on foot that is a good remedy for this evil. But they cannot perfect a cure without your assistance.

Suggestions of the contents of Germany's reply to the United States' last notes informally transmitted to Washington, are said to be of a very unsatisfactory nature, and the critical features of the situation have in no wise been abated. This is unfortunate, for the people of the United States want no trouble with the German people, even though they are prepared to go any length in defense of American rights. President Wilson is deeply engrossed in considering the attitude of Germany in the matter of the Lusitania note, and it appears that the German government is adhering to the policy of consuming just as much time as possible.

A dispatch from Washington to the Baltimore Sun, declares that an early movement in the Mexican situation is imminent. It is said Mexico will probably be entered both at Vera Cruz and from the border, unless there is an immediate adjustment of the revolutionary troubles in that country. It is said opposition from all Mexican factions is expected.

The Navajo Indians, whose reservation is in north-eastern Arizona and northwestern New Mexico, sold \$400,000 worth of blankets of their own manufacture last year. They own 1,429,821 sheep, valued at \$2,924,960, and 218,955 additional, worth \$497,910. The wool clipped from these sheep was worth last year more than \$460,000.

The farmer will have a poor farm if he does not have a good home market. It is a good rule that works both ways. When the farmer helps the home merchant and the home merchant helps the farmer. The merchant can't build up the home market alone. He must have the support of the farmer. He must study trade conditions.—Exchange.

The successful man now is a builder; he is always and forever widening, reaching out, improving on present conditions, and it is all in the human service of human betterment.

My character may be my own, but my reputation belongs to any old body that enjoys gossiping more than telling the truth.—Lord Byron.

You can always tell some men—but you can't tell them very much.

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COURT PROCEEDINGS

VOLUME OF BUSINESS COMES BEFORE COURT—CLAIMS ALLOWED—LAMB TIMBER CO.

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Be it remembered that a regular term of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, was begun and held at the Court House, in the City of St. Helens, in said county and state, on Wednesday, the 7th day of July, 1915, the same being the time fixed by law for holding a regular term of said Court, when were present, Hon. A. L. Clark, County Judge; Judson Weed, Commissioner; A. E. Harvey, Commissioner; A. P. Barnett, Clerk; R. C. Stanwood, Sheriff.

Due proclamation being made, the following proceedings were had:

Journal read, approved and signed. Matter of petition of A. Kantola, et al., for a county road.

On this day the report of the Board of County Road Viewers on the A. Kantola road was read in open Court the first time.

Matter of petition of Chas. Burgdorfer, et al., for vacation of county road.

On this day the report of the Board of County Road Viewers on the petition of Chas. Burgdorfer, et al., for vacating a portion of the old South Scappoose Creek road, was read in open Court the first time.

Matter of Deed for county road.

On this 7th day of July, 1915, there is presented to the Court that certain deed of conveyance from Maria G. Pettijohn and Thomas Pettijohn, forever dedicating for road purposes a strip of land 40 feet in width, according to the survey of the Boeck road in S. E. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4 of Section 32, T. 5 N., R. 5 W.

And the Court being advised in the matter, it is ordered by the Court that said deed be, and the same is hereby approved.

Matter of Deeds for county road.

On this day there is presented to the Court two certain deeds of conveyance from H. Kratz, et al., dedicating a strip of land in Haven Acres, for road purposes, and the Court not being fully advised in the matter, it is ordered by the Court that said matter be, and the same is hereby continued.

Matter of Scalp Bounty Statement.

On this day the Clerk presents to the Court his report of Scalp Bounties paid during the month of June, 1915, showing the number and amount of warrants drawn, the names of the persons to whom issued and the date and number of each warrant, being as follows:

June 12, No. 472, to F. W. Floeter, in the sum of \$12.00; June 28, No. 473, to Albert Erickson, in the sum of \$18.00; June 30, No. 485, to F. W. Floeter, in the sum of \$2.00. Total, \$32.00.

And the Court being advised in the matter, it is ordered by the Court that said report be, and the same is hereby approved.

Matter of petition of F. & B. M. Gliniecki, for tax rebate.

On this day comes on for hearing the petition of Frank and Bertha M. Gliniecki for rebate of tax on account of hotel building having been destroyed by fire on the 14th day of May, 1914. And the Court not being fully advised in the matter, it is ordered by the Court that said petition be, and the same is hereby continued.

Matter of petition for remission of Fire Patrol Tax.

On this day the Sheriff petitions the Court for remission of certain fire patrol taxes, in words and figures as follows:

To the Hon. the County Court of Columbia County, Oregon:

You are hereby petitioned to make an order cancelling the following Fire Patrol Taxes, the same being paid to the State Forester and carried out as delinquent on the 1915 Tax Rolls for said County and State. The said list being furnished by F. A. Elliott, State Forester, to this office this 24th day of June, 1915, asking the same to be cancelled.

Vol. 1, J. C. Ainsworth, \$2.80; Charles Anderson, \$5.60; total \$8.40.

Vol. 2, Della B. Myer, \$5.60; F. C. McGrew, \$1.32; Ellsworth & McPherson, \$11.20; Francis Pearson, \$2.50; Peter C. Peterk, \$5.60; total, \$27.23.

Vol. 4, E. M. Snow, \$1.40; T. N. Stoppenbach, \$5.53; Richard Tracey, \$1.40; B. H. Trumbull, \$2.80; John H. Wilson, \$5.60; total, \$16.73.

And the Court being advised in the matter, it is ordered by the Court that said petition be, and the same is hereby allowed.

It is further ordered by the Court that the Sheriff and Tax Collector be, and he is hereby authorized to make the proper entries on the tax rolls, evidencing such remission.

Matter of claim of Kaufman & Tannler, for cattle indemnity.

On this 7th day of July, 1915, Kaufman & Tannler of Scappoose, Oregon, present to the Court their claim for indemnity in the sum of \$425.00 for 17 cows over two years old, slaughtered under the direction of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, and the court being advised in the matter, it is ordered by the Court that a public hearing of said claim be held on Wednesday, the 4th day of August, 1915, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the County Court Room, for the purpose of determining whether said Kaufman & Tannler have complied with all laws in regard thereto, and whether they are entitled to receive said indemnity.

Matter of claim of D. E. Freeman, for cattle indemnity.

D. E. Freeman of Scappoose, Ore., having on the 2nd day of November, 1914, filed with the Clerk of this Court his claim for indemnity in the sum of \$62.50 for one cow over two years old and one registered bull, slaughtered on the 14th day of May, 1914, under direction of the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, said claim having been presented to the Court on the 4th day of November, 1914, and it having appeared to the Court

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